





Aurora's Slumber Parity



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Princess Aurora loved being married to Prince Phillip and living at the castle. But she missed her fairy friends Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather.

One day Phillip told her he had to visit another kingdom overnight. "Why don't you invite the three good fairies to keep you company while I'm gone," he said to Aurora.

"That's a wonderful idea!" Aurora replied. "I'll send them



Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather were excited when they got their invitations. But when they arrived at the castle, Aurora was wearing her nightgown.

"Surprise!" Aurora cried. "It's a sleepover! You'd better change into your nightgowns, too."





The good fairies quickly changed into their nightgowns and then used their magic to fill the room with music. In no time at all, everyone was dancing. The party was off to a great start!

Aurora took each fairy by the hand and whirled her left and right. As she twirled Fauna, Aurora's nightgown suddenly turned a lovely shade of blue.

"Oh, no. That won't do at all," Flora said. She pointed her wand at Aurora and turned her nightgown pink.

"Not so fast!" Merryweather cried, and turned it blue again.



Suddenly Flora picked up a pillow and swung it at Merryweather. Merryweather ducked and grabbed a pillow of her own. Fauna and Aurora stopped dancing and watched the two fairies. Then they looked at each other and grabbed their own pillows to join the fun.

Soon the room was covered in feathers, and the friends were out of breath from laughing.

"All that fighting has made me hungry. Maybe we should go downstairs and make a snack," Merryweather suggested.





In the kitchen, Merryweather made herself a triple-decker berry sandwich. It looked so good, the other fairies raced over to make their own. When Flora bit into hers, a dollop of cream flew across the room, right onto Aurora's face!

"Oops," Flora said. "I'm sorry, Princess."

But Aurora wasn't upset. In fact, she was laughing.







But Flora couldn't sleep. She was still too excited from the night. She tossed and turned. She flipped and flopped. And then she accidentally bonked Merryweather on the head!

Merryweather woke up and rubbed her head. "Ouch!" she cried. "Why did you hit me?"

"I didn't mean to," said Flora. "It's just that I can't fall asleep!"

"Well, now I can't sleep, either," said Merryweather.

All of their chatter woke up Fauna, who suggested that they try counting sheep to fall asleep.



Flora and Merryweather agreed that Fauna's suggestion was worth trying. They laid down again to count sheep.

"One, two, three . . ." Flora started to count, but all of a sudden her sheep turned blue!

"Twelve, thirteen, fourteen . . ." Merryweather counted her blue sheep. But just when she had almost fallen asleep, her sheep changed from blue to pink. "Blue!" she cried, and shapped them had!



"Pink!" Flora said, and the sheep changed color again. Soon the two fairies were sitting up and having another argument. But this time they woke Fauna *and* Aurora.





Aurora asked what was wrong, and the fairies told her about the pink and blue sheep. "Maybe there's a better way to fall asleep," she said. Aurora sat up and began to sing a lullaby to the fairies.

As her sweet voice carried across the room, the good fairies closed their eyes. Soon they were all fast asleep. Even Flora!







Aurora is having a party—a *slumber* party. From dancing and midnight snacks to pillow fights and a bedtime story, this is one night she and the three good fairies will never forget!



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